

REMARKS

Amendments in the Claims

Claims 1 to 3 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The allowable claims 4-9 are rewritten in independent form.

New claims are added.

Support for new claim 10 can be found, for example, on page 6, in formula 1, wherein R^2 is of formula 6, see page 7, in which R^7 is ethylene, R^8 is methylene, and R^9 is as defined on page 7, lines 17-20. Support for R^7 being ethylene and R^8 being methylene simultaneously can be found, for example, on page 8, in formulae (6)-1, (6)-2, (6)-3, (6)-6, (6)-7, (6)-8, (6)-9, and (6)-10. R^9 varies in each of these formulae. "a" and "b" values find support in the numerous synthesized species illustrated on pages 65-68.

Support for new claim 11 can be found, for example, on page 6, in formula 2, wherein support for the cyclic moiety containing R^3 can be found, for example, on page 14, in formula (A) to page 15, in formula (A)-5, and in synthesized species 41, 44, 59, 62, and 67, on pages 67-68.

Support for new claims 18-20 can be found, for example, on page 8, in formulae (6)-1, (6)-2, (6)-3, (6)-6, (6)-7, (6)-8, (6)-9, and (6)-10.

The remaining new claims all have support in the specification.

Prior Art Rejections

The rejections over claims 1-3 are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. No admission about the patentability of these claims is made. Applicants have elected to cancel these claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further the prosecution of this application.

To the extent that the amendments avoid the prior art or for other reasons related to patentability, competitors are warned that the amendments are not intended to and do not limit the scope of equivalents which may be asserted on subject matter outside the literal scope of any patented claims but not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art or otherwise unpatentable to applicants.

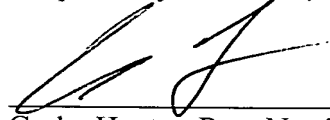
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter disclosed in the application which has been canceled by any of the above amendments.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is

kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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